AMERICAN JOCKEY CLUB.

First Day of the Summer Meeting at Jerome Park.

A LARGE AND PASHIONABLE ATTENDATUE.

The Color and Life of the Scene.

FOUR SPIRITED RACES.

Wizard, Survivor, Dublin and Shylock the Winners.

The long expected opening day came with cloudy weather and in the morning there was a sharp shower of rain, continuing until about noon. It was enough to deter timid people, but those with wiser eyes who looked upon the slaes saw hope behind the clouds, more especially as we had been informed from Washington that there would simply be local rains, with warmer weather. The ated stir and bustle were not what we have seen in former days, for there was treachery in heavens, it was leared, and many who had waited for the first day at Jerome Park with as much hopefulness and pride as the first night of the opera were compelled to subdue their finery and remain at home. About one belock the crowd of horsemen and carriages began to move towards Westchester. Fifth avenue looked freshened and bright after the shower, and our famous belies soothed their disappointment at not being able to ven "e their Paris spiendors into the open air by studying " a equipages from the windows as they whirled along. Many of these were as striking as any on the road to Longchamps or the Derby, and but for the constant menace in the air-menace of rain and storm-we should have

Central Park was extremely beautiful. One begins to see the wisdom and foresight which planned this pleasure ground on a festival like that of yesterday. The Park is to Westchester like the overture to an opera. We have a foretaste of what that noble county is, and more especially what it will traverse the Park. Without the wild, unrecovered, natural freshness of the Bois de Boulogne which is simply a forest centuries with straight, mathematical roads, and here and there an isolated gem of exquisite adornment, without the rugged majesty of the ancient oaks that stand sentinel around the walls of Kensington Palace, in Hyde Park, our New York pleasure ground has an amplitude, a variety of scenery and a utilization of the manifold resources of natore that are seen in none other. The view along the long drive that runs parallel with Fifth avenue upon the grass, tender and spring-like in its greenness, and as the eye wandered along the Mall over toward the Hudson there were vistas of trees and shrubbery, long lanes of greenness and bloom-suggestions of water and boatmen, here and there varied by flags that fluttered idly in the mist-burdened air; masses of color, rich with all the wealth of leafy June. Large masses of lollage were radiant with an almost sunny whiteness, as if to assert themselves against the repressing, reluctant spring. All this time the mist trailed over the horizon, and we saw pictures of nature not often seen in America, but suggesting those weird, marvellous conceptions of Turner, which hint the glories of an Eng-

lish homestead.

If the Park was so winning with its morning smiles, what shall we say of Westchester as we come to it over the wide branching Boulevard, which is so eloquent a suggestion of what the boulewards will be when good government claims its own in New York? As we crept along the narrow path that leads to Macomb's Dum Bridge there was the usual crowd of curious spectators disensaing the prospects of the racing, the integrity of the weather and having their own views upon each and all of us as we came in review. The police service which guarded the bridge and the approaches to the Park was efficient, and a little careful disciptine enabled us to cross without danger or delay from the crowd that began to gather. There was eager racing between some of the more adventurous horsemen, which gave variety to the scene and brought us up to the club grounds in a rather hurried mood. Fordham, never a and large crowds had already arrived by the trains, and were swarming over the fields could be seen without the intervention of an admission fee. The grand stand, although not was well filled, and large groups swarmed over the track and around the various stands, studying the horses as they pranced about, and the dwarfish jockeys who fitted around in their picturesque costumes, impatient for the summons and the strife. The morning rain had its effect on the size of the crowd; but if not so numerous as it would otherwise have been, and as the other meetings will most certainly be it was in the largest sense ren-"best people" in this happy democratic metropolis, they were in Jerome Park. Merchants, pale from business and counting house cares; lawyers, heedless of cause and jury; literary people, welcoming inspiration in the sunshine; grave judges, lightly bearing the weighty matters of the law, pressed and crowded around the stands, anxious about the favorites and the field, and manifesting an extraordinary extent of eagerness about the races. This is the attractive feature about the Jerome Park, that it is really a social exchange of courtesy and triendly salutations. Busy people, who move on from week to week in their pusiness ruts, never meeting, except these occasional and hurried glimpses of each other, like ships greeting at sea, and going to the east and the west without further recognition, find the gathering at Jerome Park a reawakening and renewal of friendships. One learns that, after all, there is a life in New York outside of cent per cent and actions for libel and assault and battery. Slander has a day of rest. Political animosities are hushed. The Ring chief who was tried the other day and the judge who sentenced his comrade and would gladly have sent him along hustle each other over the benches and strain with eager eyes after the rushing groups of many-colored horsemen, that have only this instant flashed like a bolt from the azure, and now keep on, on, on, around the bending track for fame and gain.

The grounds of the club house seem to have been

combed, the grass is so neat and the paths are so combed, the grass is so neat and the paths are so sidy. An occasional drag rumbles into piace, loaded with young men and maidens, who remain seated until the race is over. Once it is over, the maidens hold court, and receive homage from admirers who clamber up the sides of the coach to offer allegiance. Others unfold thomselves under the trees and cluster around the balconies to gossip and partake of saiads and champagnes. Occasionally a young couple stroll off towards the track to see the starter as he quarrels with the jockeys, or, as is probable, to repeat over and over again the old, old story. In time the balcony and terraces are filled with an interesting, picturesque crowd, only what would the crowd not be but for the offending skies, which every now and then darken over towards the southwest? Altogether the scene was as charming as a picnic. The races seemed to want in discipline, and at one time, in starting for the third race, there was a mutiny among the jockeys, and for nearly an hour we had a mass meeting of unruly implish horsemen, addressed by the starter in terms of resonant invective. This became very tedious, one isliner after another, until the horses grew weary, and we also who watched, and fretted and listened. But it is due to the starter to say that he delivered a series of addresses to those jockeys with a voice such as never had been heard in these Westchester valleys and which were answered by loud appliance.

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sweeting for a whole afternoon to see a series of contests between a noble breed of animals, the meeting at Jeome Park was an unnaut success. The rain which came in the beginning of the day as a terror receive a blessing, and as we drove home in the pleasant twilight, hurrying over bonievard and park, there seemed to be in the air all the cool, vajor-giving strength of October, with the sweetness and beauty of June.

THE BACING.

The rack was very heavy, particularly from the half-pile to the three-quarter pole. The racing, notwithstanding, was excellent, and those who witnessed the various contests were highly de-lighted with it. The time wasted in getting the horses together for a fair start in all the events produced some murmuring among the spectagors; but we have no doubt that annoyance will not occur again, as it seemed to be produced by concerted insubordination among the jockeys. A lew fines or suspensions will cure this evil very soon. The most singular feature of the day's doings was the general defeat of all the favorites and the rich harvest reaped by the book makers. Four races were run, the first being a dash of three-quarters of a mile, then a dash of a mile and a naif, the third being a mile dash and the fourth

two miles and a quarter.

For the first event eleven came to the post. These were M. H. Sanford's bay gelding Kadi, John F. Chamberlin's chestant filly Carlina, F. Morris' bay colt Shillelah, R. W. Walden's bay gelding Mildew, L. L. Loridard's bay mare Girl of the Period, P. Lorillard's chestnut colt Free Lance, D. McDaniel's chestnut filly Mary Buckley, R. W. Cameron's bay filly by Warminster, George Ayres' chestnut colt Erastus Corning, J. W. Hunt Reynolds' chestnut geiding Marmion, and M. A. Lit-tell's brown geiding Wizard. Sanford's Kadi was the selling, Free Lance, Mildew and Mary Buckley all having backers, while many were sure that Girl of the Period could win, provided she had any thing like a good start. Wizard was in the field until it was ascertained that Bob Swim would ride him, then he sold pretty well, but not as high as the others. Wizard was ridden with blinkers over his eyes, as he has a roguish temper at times. He won very easily by two lengths, much to the discomfiture of those who had invested on the other horses. two lengths, much to the discomfiture of those who had invested on the other horses. Mr. Littell's victory of the first race of the meeting was hailed as a good omen by all his jockeys and trainers, and the gentieman received the congratulations of his riceads. Many persons who are acquainted with the capabilities of the horses are under the impression that several that were in the race would have beaten Wizard had the start been an even one. He and Free Lance got away several lengths before Girl of the Petiod and some of the others made a move; in fact, Girl of the Period did not start until Wizard was 100 yards away, and she was beaten before she made the first jump, as were the majority of the others in the race. Hence the easy victory of Wizard.

For the second race, which was the Fordham Handleap, a dash of a mile and a quarter, there were nine starters, comprising R. W. Waiden's bay golding Mildew. P. Lorilard's bay coil Stanford, L. Lorillard's bay coil Carlboo, James McKee & Co.'s chestnut filly Minnie Mac, W. Cox's chestnut horse Boaster, D. McDaniel's bay filly by Red Dick, Joseph Donahue's brown coil Artist, John F. Chamberin's bay coil Survivor, M. H. Sanford's brown horse Mate and M. A. Littell's chestnut coil Fellowcrait. Mate was the favorite over the field, Lorillard's entires the second choice, Fellowcrait being the third in favor, then Minnie Mac and Artist, the others being sold in the field just before the start. Survivor won the race alter a severe tassle with Artist from beginning to end. The favorites were never at the front. Mate, with the top weight, made a good race and secured third pince. The value of the stake was \$1,516.

The Withers Stakes was the third event of the day, and of the thirty entries fourteen came to the post. These were P. Lorillard's chestnut coil Postard, S. H. Jones' bay filly Sangamonia, H. Elandy & Son's chestnut coil Bance. The value of the stake was \$4,516.

The Withers Stakes was the third event of the constant filly vaultress, A. Belmont's bay filly Beatrice Mr. Littell's victory of the first race of the meet-

ing for lear of injury.

The lourth race was for the Westchester Cup. This great race had for starters Lawrence & Lorderd's bay horse Shylock, P. Lordiard's chestnut horse Village Blacksmith, D. McDaniel's chestnut horse Abd-el-Koree, Joseph Donahne's gray flly Lizzie Lucas, M. A. Littell's chestnut coit Fellow-craft, John F. Chamberlin's bay coit Survivor and G. H. Rice's chestnut horse Wanderer. The latter was a great lavorite, bringing in the pools nearly as much as all the others conbined, the next to him in favor being Abd-el-Koree, Shylock, Survivor, Village Blacksmith and Lizzie Lucas bringing like amounts in the pools when sold separately. The favorite in this race, like those in all the others, was beaten, as Shylock won in galant style by four lengths after a brilliant struggle up the homestretch with Wanderer, Village Blacksmith, Lizzie Lucas and Abd-el-Koree. Survivor was badly beaten, and we cannot see why he was allowed to run again after winning so fine a race as the Fordham Handicap. The value of the winning was \$2,800.

The lollowing are the details of the racing as it came off:—

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. Morris' b. c. Shilleinh, by Eclipse, dam shasher Barbarity, 3 years old, 87 lbs. (Melden)
. W. Hunt Reynolds' ch. g. Marmion, by Planet, dam La Grande Duchesse, 4 years old, 98 lbs. (Taylor)
. F. Chamberlin's ch. f. Carlina, by Planet, dam

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F. Chamberim's ch. I. Carlina, by Planet, dam
Mazurka, 3 years old, 87 lbc. (R. Dewire)

R. W. Walden'z b. g. Mildew, by Lexingten,
dam Mildred, 5 years old, 99 lbs. (Ponton)

S. R. W. Cameron's b. or r. I. by Warminster, dam
Sophia, 3 years old, 84 lbs. (C. Thomas)

D. McDantel's ch. I. Mary Buckiey, by Lexingten,
ton, dam Lady Duke, 3 years old, 84 lbs. (W.
Clark)

L. L. Lorniard's b. m. Girl of the Period, by Virgil, dam Nannie Butler, 5 years old, 99 lbs.

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Kadl. \$100 105 110 80 85 85

Wizard \$45 65 65 40 50 115

Mildew \$20 55 50 46 40 35

Free Lance \$45 85 85 50 50 100

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Field \$40 85 85 60 75 150

The RACE.

After half an hour spent in getting the horses into place, they were started in a very straggling manner, wizard leading, Free Lance second, Marminot third, Gameron's filly fourth, Carlina flith, Mary Buckley ninth, Erastus Corning tenth, Girl of the Period eleventh, who stood at the post while all the others were running. Her chances were out the instant the dag fell, because she made no effort to get away at that moment. Wizard lead around the binfi, closely followed by Free Lance, Carlina third, the Cameron filly fourth, Mary Buckley ninth, Erastus Corning sixth. Kadi seventh, Mildew fith, Erastus Corning sixth. Kadi seventh fith ower turn Wizard was still leading by half a length, Free Lance second, Ca

The Second Race.

The Fordham Handidap Sweepstakes, of \$50 each, half loriest, and only \$10 if declared by the 20th of May, with \$500 added; the second horse to receive \$200 ont of the stakes; winners, after the publication of weights, of \$1,000 to carry 5 lbs., of \$2,000 7 lbs. extra; closed on 1st of March with

forty nominations; one mile and a quarter; four-

THE WITHERS STAKES, for three-year-old, of \$100 each, half forleit, with \$1.000 added: the second horse to receive \$200 out of the stakes; closed 1st January, 1874, with thirty nominations; one mile.

Joseph Donahue's ch. c. Dublin, by Kentucky. Joseph Donahue's ch. c. Duollo, by Kentucky, dam Zaidee (Ponton)

A. H. Lewis & Co.'s b. f. Vandalite, by Vandal, dam Vesper Light (Houston)

M. A. Litteli's br. c. Reform, by Leamington, dam Stolen Kisses (Swim)

H. Gafmey's b. c. Culpepper, by Revolver, dam Gentle Annie (Palmer)

Thomas Puryear's b. c. Grinstead, by Gliroy, dam Sister to Ruric (N. Hayward)

D. McDaniel's br. f. Josic B., by Asteroid, dam Canary Bird (W. Clark)

P. Lorillard's ch. c. Persuader, by Revolver, dam by Ringgold (Teakes)

D. D. Withers' ch. c. Maccaroon, by Maccaroni, dam Songstress (Holloway) dam Lass of Sidney (Hughes).... Belmont's b. f. Beatrice, by Kentucky, dam

to the stand an easy winner by two lengths, Van-dailte second, Reform third, Culpepper lourth, Grinstead fitth, Josie B. sixth, Persuader seventh, Maccaroon eighth, The Hoaxer ninth, Beatrice tenth, Sangamonia eleventh, Vaultees, tweitth, Harry Felter thirteenth and Dan O'Hara four-teenth. Time of the mile 1:50. Vandahle, who came in second, has been campaigning all the winter in the South, and, notwithstanding all her heareshin. winter in the South, and, notwithstanding all her hardship, was a good race may yesterday. She can stand a great deal of wear and tear. The heavy going between the half and three-quarter poles was too much for Beatrice. Sangamonia and Grinstead, and they were beaten before reaching the homestretch. Joste B. was cut on her hind leg by some of the others, which did not improve her chances; but this injury was not, probably, the real cause of her defeat, as she appeared to have enough of the race before she reached the homestretch, and is very doubtful whether she can beat Dublin at any time on a heavy track. He is "a good mud horse,"

The Fourth Race.

4:13, PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE WESTCHESTER CUP.

THE RIFLE AT CREEDMOOR

Spring Meeting and Opening Matches of the National Association.

FOUR CONTESTS DECIDED.

Close Competition-The Winners-A Wretched Day-An Important Match Postponed-The Nat onal Guard to Practise at Creedmoor.

The spring meeting of the National Rifle Assocation, which took place yesterday at Creedmoor, despite numerous discouraging surroundings was a gratifying success, and could not but suggest to the spectator the fact that the highest credit was due to the spirited and energetic gentlemen to wlose persistent efforts and unremitting labors the organization owed its existence. Enough has aleady been shown to prove that it is destined to carry out the important objects for which it was injututed, and there is altogether every reason to believe that the day will come when the communie at large will share with it that high admiration now bestowed on the National Guard. The results of the past year far exceed even the most sanguine anticipations of its indetatigable piomoters. In the face of apparently insuperable imenities the association has grown rapidly, and, those for whose special benefit it was organized, it has developed a degree of proficiency in marksmanship which nothing but earnestness and practice on the part of its memcould have brought about. While the exhibition yesterday could not be ranked as first class, compared with the time honored displays of older associations, it was nevertheless a praiseworthy affair, taking the surroundings into consideration. And now that the season has opened auspiciously, bright hopes are justly entertained that, with constant attention, such as the members propose to give to it, their record as marksmen will not, before the fall, be unworthy the warm of such an admirable association.

The programme yesterday was well calculated

to test the merits of the contestants. Owing. however, to the wretched weather which marred the afternoon it was not carried out in its entirety. Indeed, the incessant showers and gloomy character of the day deterred many from being present who otherwise would gladly have participated. It was arranged that the cars should leave Hunter's Point for Creedmoor shortly after eight o'clock, and that others should follow at brief lutervals. The morning train, however, not bring many to the scene and it was not until noon that the at-tendance gave hopes for fair competition. Major General Shaler, the Vice President, and Lieutenant Colonel Gildersleeve, the Secretary of the association, were among the first arrivals, and proceeded with all promptness to make the premost of the contestants had arrived, and, accompanied by Colonel Church, the President, and the other officers, they went to the scene. No one could fail to be struck with the complete manner in which the grounds have manner in which the grounds have been laid out. A splendid embankment rises up behind the targets, a mound of earth twenty-five feet high by 570 feet long and containing over 27,000 cubic yards of earth. The range displays a row of twenty targets, each of which can be used independently up to 500 yards and all but a few up to 1,000 yards, and this without the use of any raised platform for the firing points which have to be provided upon almost all other ranges. It is the opinion of many who have examined it that it is in no respect inferior to any range either in England or Canada, except, perhaps, the celebrated Wimbledon, which except, it, however, only in size. Indeed, the excellence and adapsability of the ground contributed not a little to induce the National Guard to take that interest in rifle practice which of late they have so thoroughly manifested. Through the kindness of General Henry L. Abbot, who, with several other officers of the United State Engineer Corps, wasin attendance, a number of the men under his command at Willett's Point, who were entitled to leave of absence for the day, were permitted to act as markers upon the range, and to officiate as scorers. Everything being in readiness of the National Rifle, Association. The first match was open to directors and honorary directors of the National Rifle, Association. The first match was open to directors and honorary directors of the National Rifle, Association. Targety one and two, 200 yards; position, standing; we port, any military rifle; rounus, five, two sighting shots. Entrance fee, \$1. Prize, gold badge, to be shot for annually and held by the winner during the year.

For this there were nine contestants, including Colonel Wingate, Lieutenant Colonel didersieeve, General Shaler, General Mard, Captain Story and Captain Casey. Great interest seemed to be taken in this contest, for, as will be observed, these gentlemen were the ruling minds of the association. Nor was the affair divested of considerable numor owing to the casual comments w laid out. A splendid embankment rises up

the casual comments which some of the contestants' efforts provoked. At this stage the day was
nearly all that could be desired, the weather being
comparatively fine and fair. Colonel Wingate,
however, seemed to make the best of it, and after
some successful shots he was finally declared to be
the winner of the gold badge, as the following
score will show:

THE SCORE,
Bull'seye, 4; centre, 3; outer, 2; miss, 0; ricochet, R.
Name.
Colonel G. W. Wingst.

E. H. Madison.
J. F. B. Collins
Philip Klein.
W. H. Richards
R. F. Hare.

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The weather continued variable, and postponement was frequently suggested. The members,
however, preserved to contest this match, and
about forty competitors put in an appearance.
The terms were:- Military match-Open to members of the National Rifle Association only;
weapon, any military rifle; other conditions as in
match No. 2. Prizes-First, gold badge, presented
by the National Rifle Association; value, \$50.
Second, life membership of the National Rifle Association, which can be transferred by the winner
if desired. Third, cash, \$15. Fourth, cash, \$10.
Fifth, cash, \$5. Sixth, cash, \$2. Several excellent shots were made; but, as in the previous
match, the wind interfered with the calculations
of many who would otherwise have done much
better. The following gentlemen won the prizes:
Name.

THE LONG RANGE MATCH.

The inilitary long range match was by far the best feature of the day, and, as will be seen by the subjoined score, which is given in full, brought out some excellent marksmanship. The terms were as follows:— Military Long Range Match—Targets, 1 to 19; open to members of the National Rife Association only; distance, 500 yards; any position; weapon, any contary rife; rounds, 7; two sighting shots. Entrance, \$1. Prizes—Gold badge presented by the association, value \$40; second, life member-

ship, which may be transferred by the winner if desired; third, cash, \$15; fourth, cash, \$10; fifth, cash, \$5; sixth, cash, \$3. Bull's eye, 4; centre, 3; outer, 2; miss, 6.

This was a well contested affair. The weather, moreover, was exceedingly favorable. The wind was blowing in the direction of the targets. Strange enough, however, some of the very best shots in the association did not make their usual average, but this result was attributed in some instances to the fact that the markers failed to show the signal when the target was struck. Then, again, many excellent marksmen, among them caotain Bodine, had weapons with which they were entirely unfamiliar. But this does not in the least detract from the skill displayed by Colonel Gildersieve and the others who carried off the prizes. Out of seven shots Colonel Gildersieve hit the bull's eye six times, as did also Mr. Fulton, of the Twelth regiment. It was altogether a very interesting event. Many of the marksmen showed more proficiency at the long range than during the previous matches.

FULL SCORE.

Name.

Name. lith regiment.
Fulton, 12th regiment.
Burton
M. Ballard. Trageser... S. Smi.h, 12th regiment... ank S. Gardner A Robertson 79th regiment.... A. Wood, 12th regiment.... C. Bruce. L. C. Bruce... General Shaler. G. A. Strube, 22d regiment. R. Omand. F. P. McRichard, 7th regiment. T. Idage... C. Pease.
B. Smith, 12th regiment.
B. Lockwood, 22t regiment.
B. Jewitt.
Camerou, 79th regiment.
L. Price
B. Mitcheli A. Alford
W. Keilier
E. S. Brown
Adjutant Murphy, 12th regiment.
A. C. Roux, 22d regiment
Sergeaut smith, 12th regiment
W. G. Burton
Sergeant Magure, U. S. E.
H. Sanford, 7th regiment
E. H. Sanford, 7th regiment
L. H. Millen
122d regt. Rergeant Maguire, U. S. E.
E. H. Sanford, 7th regiment,
T. McMillan,
Lleut, W. Carmichael, 22d regt.,
Leon Bacher, 22d regiment,
J. R. Judd,
G. A. Briggs, 22d regiment,
J. L. Huggins, 22d regiment,
W. C. Reecher

A POSTPONEMENT.

Licutenant W. Kirby, 12th regiment

off on Saturday, and will doubtiess be well contested.

THE BADGES

The badges won and worn by the successful contestants yesterday were both tasteful and appropriate in design. Most of them are held subject to competition, and will, therefore, be contended for again. At the conclusion of the match at 500 yards range the members proceeded to the cars and returned to the city. They are all enthusiastic over the progress made by the association thus far, and express a determination to leave nothing undone to forward its luterest.

THE NATIONAL GUARD AT CHERDMOOR.

General Shaler has just issued an order requiring the attendance, at regular intervals, of his command at Creedmoor. The different cavalry and infantry organizations of the command are desired to devote one day to rifle practice at Creedmoor previous to the 15th of September. In accordance with the desire of the Commanding General the division commanders have selected the dates of the firing, which are as follows:

12th regiment infantry. Thursday, June 11, 1874.

12th regiment infantry.
22d regiment innantry.
23d regiment innantry.
65th regiment innantry.
71st regiment infantry.
71st regiment infantry.
75th regiment infantry.
6th regiment infantry.
6th regiment infantry.
11th regiment infantry.
8th regiment infantry.
8th regiment infantry.
8th regiment infantry. .Thursday, June 11, 187

At each meeting cach officer and enlisted many will are seven rounds at 200 yards, standing, the first two to be sighting shots. Those who, at this distance, make a score of eight of ten, as may be determined by the commanding officer, will fire seven shots at 500 yards range, lying down, the first two to be sighting shots. The firing will be with breech-loading rifles, and requisitions for ammunition must be sent in ten days for a service of the firing will be of the firing will be of the firing will be of the day and the firing will consider the time fixed for practice. The foot of Thirty-fourth street, East River, at a dail-past seven, or the foot of Thirty-fourth street, East River, at a quarter to eight, on the morning of the day fixed for practice, and take the Long Island Railroad to Creedmoor. The practice of the cavalry organizations will be under the superinten-

THE YACHTING SEASON.

The yachting season of 1874 will be duly inaugurated on Wednesday, June 10, by the regatta of the Atlantic Yacht Club. The absence of such vachts as the Sappho, Enchantress, Viking and Faustine in European waters and the determination of some yacht owners not to compete in the different regattas will probably diminish the excitement in many of the season's contests, but still there are enough tast yachts leit to make the racing well worth seeing. The Atlantic Vacht Club regatta will bring out such schooners as the Tidal Wave, Peerless, Triton, Idler and Comet. As this will be the first appearance in public of the last named yacht, and as the Tidal Wave has been lengthened and rebuilt since last season, it is hard to say how they will go. The Peeriess and Triton are well matched and will certainly make a good race, while rumor also speaks very highly of the recent performances of the Idler. They will sail over the usual lightship course, and the steamer Magenta, carrying the members of the club and their guests, will accompany the yachts throughout the race.

THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB will sail their regatta on the following day. Thursuay, June 11, and although they do not anticipate a large number of entries the well known reputation of the contesting yachts will give great interest to the contest. The yachts will start from off Vanderbilt's landing and sail over the regular club course round Sandy Hook lightship and return, passing to the westward of buoy No. 85, on the Southwest Spit, going and coming. The Regatta Committee for 1874 are Messrs. William Krebs, Edward E. Chase and William B. Bend. They have secured the steamer William Cook for the use of the members of the club and their guests, and a suitable boat will also be provided for the judges and members of the press. Up to the present time the only entries that have been made are the schooners Phantom and Idler in the

usual light weather prevails will have a slight advantage with extra light canvas slott. The Alarm has been fitted with an entire new suit of canvas, giving her two more cloths in the mainsail. The bis is a new boat, built last fall, and has not yet had a chance of measuring her speed with the other yachts. The most exciting race will be between the

yachts. The most exciting race will be between the SECOND CLASS SCHOONERS, such as the Magic, Cho. Eva, Comet, Peeriess and Cornelia. The Magic made her reputation for speed on the day of the regatta for the America Cup, and the Clio. Eva and Peeriess have also shown great speed on several different occasions, each having won cups for their respective owners. The Cornelia only came out last fail, and the Comet was only launched a few weeks ago. There will probably be more betting on the race between the first class sloops than on any other event of the day. The Gracie has been lengthened and rebuilt since last season, and is now said to be quite as fast if not faster than the Vision. The Wayward is a new boat, from the hands of a well known builder, that is also likely to go fast.

Several of the large schooners, such as the Columbia, Madeleine and Dauntless, will probably accompany the yachts over the course, Carrying a large party of invited guests.

The Madeleine and Tidal Wave are matched to sail a race on Friday, June 12, but it was rumored exerteries that the match and been declared off.

sail a race on Friday. June 12, but it was rumored yesterday that the match had been declared of the Brooklyn Yacht Club will sail their annual regatta on Tuesday, June 16.

Miniature Yachting.

The rather threatening aspect of the weather had the effect of lessening the number of model yachts on Prospect Park Lake yesterday, and only appearance. The boys, as usual, mustered in considerable force and had a large fleet of small craft cruising about with a roving commission. Minia-ture yachting appears to be an excellent sport, as it generally entails a considerable amount of exercise in the way of pedestrianism, as in many instances the small craft do not arrive at their point of destination, preferring to gibe in the middle of the lake and make for port in some remote corner, perhaps a mile distant, where they patiently hammer against the rocks until their enthusiastic proprietors arrive and start them on a new tack.

Yesterday afternoon the first race was started about half-past four P. M. between the following vachts:-

Name. Ovener.
Osceolo. Mr. Conklyn.
Brooklyn. Mr. Collier
Wonder Mr. Smith
Commodore Voorhis. Mr. Pease. They were all schooner-rigged and started or

the port tack to make one stretch across. This was the first appearance of the Brooklyn this season, and as she won nearly everything she started for last year the miniature yachtsmen were considerably astonished at seeing her beaten on this particular occasion by the Wonder. The Commodore Voorhis was third and the Oscolo last. They afterwards sailed three more races, starting from the Cove, and beating right across the lake tack and tack together. They all, however, had the same result, as the Wonder won easily and the other three arrived in the same order as that of the first race. The Peerless, a small schooner belonging to Mr. Sherman, then sailed a match with the Oscolo and beat the latter easily.

The Park Commissioners commenced yesterday to build a boathouse for the exclusive use of the miniature yachts. It is to be 50 feet long by 28 feet wide, and will afford ample accommodation for the entire fleet. The Wonder, the winner of the four races, is schooner rigged, 60 inches long, 14% beam and d incaes deep. She has a deep lead keel at tapering to almost nothing forward. The miniatures are to have a grand regatta on June 20.

The opening of the Oneida Yacht Club, of Jersey City, took place yesterday afternoon. A select party was in attendance. This club was one of the tew that refused to consolidate with the other yacht clubs of Hudson county. ATALANTA BOAT CLUB.

Celebrating the Completion of Their Boat House on the Harlem. In the completion of the second story to their

boat house, the Atalanta Club now has the most imposing and substantial structure on the Harlem One year since the demand of commerce caused their removat from Christopher street to the present location, and until the beginning of last month the members were content with a one story building wherein to hoist their tiny craft, when they began the improvement just finished. The event was duly celebrated by the club yesterday afternoon, and for several hours their parlor, which is elegantly furnished, was the scene of a pleasant reunion. The house is 76 feet by 25 feet, two stories in height, the locker room 20 leet by 20 feet, and the parlor 45 feet by 24 feet.

The Atalanta Boat Club, which is the pioneer organization of its character in New York, dates back as fur as May, 1848, and from the time of its foundation up to the present has maintained a reputation that for efficiency, discipline and expert oarsmen stands second to note in the country. Many who were members in years past mave given rowing in other places an impetus that it would have lacked but for the aid extended by the Atalanta graduates. It is a source of pride and gratification to its members who have a long time been enrolled as messmates to loo back and review the pleasant hours the have enjoyed in their boats while upon the Hudson and Harlem, and at the same time reflect upon the prosperous career of their organization.

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When the Hudson Navy was organized, October, 1859, the Atalanta Club was loremost among the associations to revive the pastime of boating in the waters of New York, and through its exertions and the efforts of ister clubs the Waverley, Atlantic, Aurora, Eagle and Niantic, it was not long belore their friendly contests were wout to excite the interest and admiration of all New Yorkers to a degree second to no other sport. The navy inaugurated reviews and drilled in squadron every two weeks. The drill ground was in a cove between Castle and Ring Points, on the Huason, directly opposite the Elysian Fields, Hoooken. From that school graduated many gentlemen who have since labored perseveringly and carnestly in behalf of amateur oarsmen, and to whom is due the present magnitude of the sport. In the remion yesterday the older Atalantas recalled the days when they rowed around Manhattan Island and partook of dinners at Kingsbridge, or the time wane they contented themselves with a trip to Striker's Bav, where all amateur blue jackets were kindly cared for; and in the speeches that followed the luncheon more than one Atalanta of 1848 bowed his nead in remembrance of those happy times, and as they looked around the room and their eyes fell upon the pictures of those who were first in the pleasures of tae past, now gone from among them lorever, they recalled the familiar lines:—

Companions have doparted.

With whom that season ded;

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And some are weary-hearted,
And some are with the dead.

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From the eight-oared barge Volante owned by
the club in 1859, its property has increased with its
growth, and to-day there are on the racks in the
house one six-oared shell, two four-oared shells,
one pair-oared gip one actible skull shell, one
eight-oared barge, oas iour-oared barge and a large
number of singles, the property of members. The
officers of the club for the year are:—President,
Ranson Parker, Jr.; Vice President, William H.
Webster; Secretary, J. W. Edwards; Treasurer,
Henry S. Sprouil; Financial Secretary, William O.
Maniand; Captain, George Springsteen; Lieutenant, George Rohr.

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